

***Remarks***

Upon entry of the above amendments, claims 24-26 will be pending in the above-referenced application. The specification has been amended to correct certain typographical errors. No new matter has been added by this amendment. Applicant points out that new claims 24-26 are directed to the subject matter of claims cancelled in response to a restriction requirement in the parent application (U.S. Serial No. 09/303,204) and therefore should not be subject to a double patenting rejection. Prompt examination on the merits and allowance are respectfully requested.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 16827.074.

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